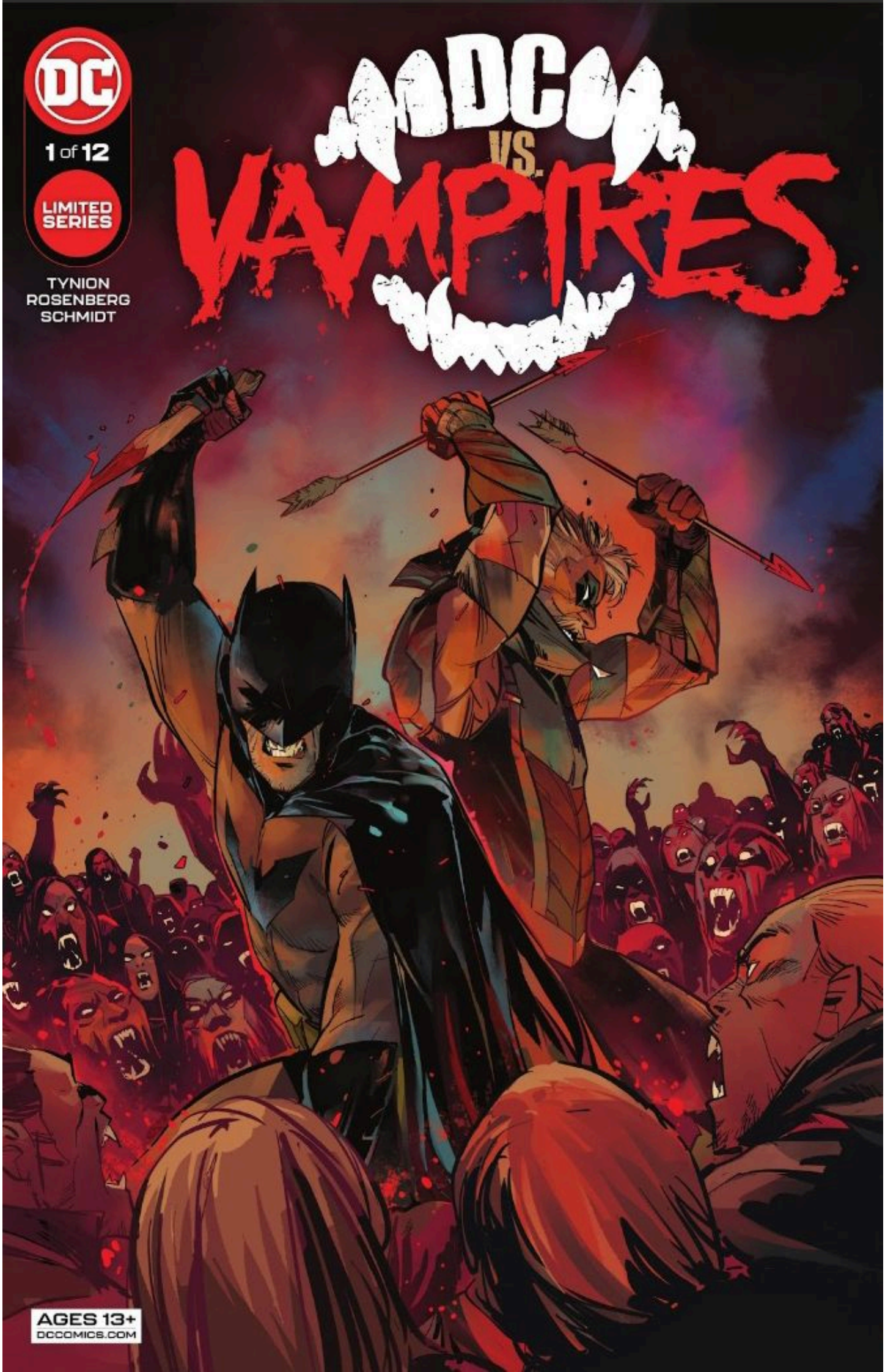
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WHAM
OH MY GOD!
HE CAME OUTTA NOWHERE.
IS HE DEAD?
HE'S GOT NO PULSE.
WHAT THE--?!
GET BACK!

BUT THEY COULD NOT STOP ME FROM REACHING YOU.
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY WANT TO.
GREEN... LANTERN...
IT'S OKAY, EVERYONE. WE'VE ALL SEEN PEOPLE SPONTANEOUSLY BURST INTO FLAME BEFORE, RIGHT?
JUST ANOTHER NORMAL DAY HERE AT THE HALL OF JUSTICE.

ANDREW? CAN YOU HEAR ME?
IT'S NOT SAFE!
IT'S OKAY. YOU'RE OKAY. YOU'RE IN THE HALL OF JUSTICE. THERE ISN'T A SAFER PLACE ON EARTH.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
I NEED TO SPEAK WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!
WELL, AS MUCH AS IT MAY NOT FEEL LIKE IT RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE IN LUCK. I'M IN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE. WHAT'S GOING ON?
NO, I NEED TO SPEAK WITH EVERYONE. THE FATE OF THE WORLD IS AT STAKE!
THAT'S USUALLY HOW THESE THINGS GO AROUND HERE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE REST OF THE LEAGUE IS OFF-PLANET ON A MISSION. I'M HOLDING DOWN THE OL' FORT UNTIL THEY RETURN.
YOU'RE WELCOME TO HANG TIGHT UNTIL THEY GET BACK IN A DAY OR TWO. OR YOU CAN TALK TO ME.
NO ONE ELSE?
JUST ME--
HEY, HAVE YOU SEEN--
HEY, WHO'S THIS GUY?
--AND HIM... BUT SOMETIMES LESS IS MORE.
ZAN, SHUT THE DOOR, PLEASE. OUR GUEST HERE HAS SOME MILD PHOTOSENSITIVITY ISSUES.
WHO IS GONNA TAKE HIS PICTURE HERE?
NO, I MEAN...HE IS A VAMPIRE, ZAN.

NO WAY! THAT'S PRETTY FAR OUT. YOU'RE NOT GONNA TRY TO EAT ME, ARE YOU, MISTER? BECAUSE I HAVETA WARN YOU, I'M A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE.
SORT OF.
NO, SUPERMAN SAID I WAS PRETTY IMPORTANT.
WHAT DO YOU BOTH KNOW ABOUT VAMPIRES?
YOU GUYS ARE UNDEAD, RIGHT? THAT'S CREEPY.
SHOW SOME RESPECT, ZAN.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I SHOULD BE MORE SPECIFIC. WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF MARY, QUEEN OF BLOOD?
NOT TO GET INTO YOUR PERSONAL LIFE, BUT SHE'S YOUR EX, RIGHT?
SHE WAS MY LOVER ONCE. NOW MY NEMESIS.
HATE THAT. AND SHE'S BASICALLY THE PRESIDENT OF VAMPIRES, RIGHT?
"MARY, QUEEN OF BLOOD, IS A VAMPIRE ELDER. SHE IS THE LEADER OF THE CULT OF THE BLOOD RED MOON. HER WISH IS LAW AMONG VAMPIRES.
"THE DELICATE PEACE BETWEEN MAN AND VAMPIRE EXISTS BECAUSE MARY WILLS IT SO.
SHE SETS THE TONE ALL OTHER VAMPIRES FOLLOW.
SO LESS GEORGE WASHINGTON AND MORE CHARLES MANSON.
YOU JOKE, BUT IT IS BECAUSE OF HER THAT VAMPIRES HAVE MOSTLY KEPT THEIR DISTANCE FROM HUMANS FOR THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS.
AND?

"SHE IS DEAD.
SHE WAS MURDERED.
I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. BUT FORGIVE ME IF I DON'T SHED A TEAR BECAUSE THE EVIL VAMPIRE CULT LEADER IS GONE.
SHE WAS THE ONLY THING HOLDING US BACK FROM TOTAL WAR.
BUT WE AREN'T AT WAR.
ARE YOU SURE?
I HAVE TO ASK. SHE'S YOUR EX. YOU HAVE A TROUBLED PAST. YOU EVEN CALLED HER YOUR NEMESIS.
DID YOU KILL HER?
NO.
"I SPENT WEEKS HUNTING HER KILLER. CHASING RUMORS. CRASHING INTO DEAD ENDS. SHAKING DOWN ANYONE WHO MIGHT KNOW ANYTHING.
"ALL OF WHICH LED ME TO ONE PLACE."

"THE LEGION OF DOOM.
EVERY LEAD I COULD FIND LED ME TO THEM. I WANTED TO SNEAK INTO THEIR HALL TO SEE WHAT ELSE I COULD FIND.
EASIER SAID THAN DONE.
PERHAPS USUALLY.
"I NEEDED TO GET TO THEM AND FIND OUT WHY SHE HAD BEEN KILLED."

"BUT WHOEVER HAD KILLED MARY GOT TO THEM FIRST.
"THEY WERE ALL DEAD."

"THIS WAS THE WORK OF VAMPIRES.
"MARY'S DEATH WAS NOT SOME RANDOM VIOLENT END TO A VIOLENT LIFE.
"IT WAS THE START OF A REVOLUTION. IT WAS PART OF A BIGGER PLAN.
"I FEARED AT FIRST THAT IT WOULD MEAN A COMING WAR WITH THE HUMANS.
SUPERMAN
WONDER WOMAN
SWAMP THING
JOHN CONSTANTINE
SHAZAM
ZATANNA
SUN
MAJESTIC
SHIELD
SPACE SHADOW
JOKER
RA'S AL GHUL
VANDAL SAVAGE
"BUT SEEING THEIR PLANS LAID OUT--A SHIELD TO BLOCK OUT THE SUN, HUMAN FARMS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES, LISTS OF POTENTIAL TARGETS, OR PERHAPS EVEN ALLIES--I REALIZED THE GOAL WAS NOT TO START A WAR..."

"THEIR GOAL IS THE GENOCIDE OF THE HUMAN RACE.
"I NEEDED TO GET AWAY AND TELL THE WORLD WHAT WAS COMING.
"BUT SEEING WHAT THEY'D ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED, AND NOT KNOWING EVEN WHO THEY WERE, I DIDN'T KNOW WHO I COULD TRUST."
DID YOU REALLY THINK I WOULDN'T TAKE MORE OF YOU DOWN WITH ME?!
"AND THEN I FOUND THE UNLIKELIEST OF ALLIES."

"LEX LUTHOR."
BE QUIET, YOU FOOL, OR WE'LL BOTH BE DEAD.
YOU'RE... NOT WITH THEM?
NO. WHO ARE THEY?
THE QUESTION IS WHO AREN'T THEY. AND I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW ANYMORE.
I ASSUMED ALL OF YOU WERE IN LEAGUE TOGETHER. YOU SAW WHAT THEY HAD PLANNED IN THERE. WILL YOU FIGHT BACK?
YES.
GOOD. GO TO THIS ADDRESS AND SAY WHAT YOU'VE SEEN HERE.
THIS IS...
TRUST ME.
WHEN I GET THERE, HOW DO I MAKE THEM TRUST ME?
MAKE THEM...
...WITH THIS.

THEY'LL BE BACK SOON. YOU HAVE TO GO NOW.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I WOULDN'T SURVIVE THE TRIP. BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT. MAYBE YOU WON'T EITHER. BEFORE YOU GO, YOU MUST DO SOMETHING FOR ME.
KILL ME.
I CAN'T DO THAT.
I TOOK A LOT OF THEM DOWN IN THE FIGHT, BUT MY FIGHT IS OVER.
I REFUSED TO LET THEM TURN ME INTO ONE OF YOU AND THEY REFUSE TO KILL ME.
NOW I AM JUST A TOY FOR THEM TO TORTURE.
MAYBE I CAN COME BACK--
KILL ME NOW OR I SCREAM AND THEY WILL TAKE US BOTH, VAMPIRE.
SO BE IT.
NOT LIKE THAT, YOU FOOL. YOU NEED TO USE YOUR HANDS.
LET THE WORLD KNOW IT WAS ME WHO SAVED THEM.

Our agent inside tells us everyone is accounted for except Green--
SnfA SnfA
QUIET!
"THIS VAMPIRE CONSPIRACY HAS CORRUPTED DANGEROUS PEOPLE AND INFILTRATED PLACES OF TREMENDOUS POWER."
LUTHOR IS TRYING TO ESCAPE!
No. He isn't.
SOMEONE ELSE WAS HERE. WE CAN'T LET THEM LEAVE.
SOUND THE ALARM!

AWOOO AWOOO
"IF THEY COULD TURN WHAT'S LEFT OF THE LEGION OF DOOM, THEY COULD TURN ANYONE."
AHH!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
YOU'RE ONE OF US, AREN'T YOU?
SO WHY ARE YOU SNEAKING AROUND?
WELL, WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
YOU ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS.
SHUNK
THERE HE IS! SEAL THE DOORS!

YOU HAVE NOWHERE TO GO, SPY.
ARRGGHH!
CRNCH
AWW, SO CLOSE.
NO!
NOOO
"WHAT'S COMING WILL TURN FRIENDS INTO FOES AND MAKE ALLIES OF OUR ENEMIES."

"I'VE BEEN RUNNING FOR ALMOST A WEEK TO GET TO YOU.
"MOVING IN THE DAYTIME TO AVOID THEM.
"NO MATTER WHAT I DO, THEY GET CLOSER EVERY DAY.
"THEIR AGENTS ARE EVERYWHERE."

VAMPIRES HAVE TAKEN OVER THE LEGION OF DOOM. AND THEY'VE INSTALLED VAMPIRES IN OTHER PLACES AS THEY PREPARE FOR WAR. THEY COULD BE ANYWHERE.
WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE YOU?
ZAN, PLEASE.
ANDREW, I KNOW YOU'RE UPSET, BUT HE HAS A POINT. A VAMPIRE PLAN TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD? THE LEGION HAS ALREADY FALLEN?
AND ALL OF THIS BEING TOLD TO US...BY A VAMPIRE. YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND HOW THIS ALL SOUNDS.
DO YOU HAVE ANY PROOF?
...NO.
AND NOBODY ELSE SAW ANY OF THIS? YOU DIDN'T EVEN TELL ANYONE ELSE?
NO. I CAME TO TELL THE JUSTICE LEAGUE BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW WHO ELSE I COULD TRUST.
WELL, I CAN GO GET THE REST OF THEM BUT--
THEY'RE HERE?!
ACK!
OH, I WISH YOU HADN'T SAID THAT.

YOU TRAITOR!
A FUNNY WORD, COMING FROM YOU. SNEAKING HERE TO BEG THE HUMANS TO STOP OUR KIND FROM TAKING WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY OURS. YOU BETRAYED US.
I DIDN'T BETRAY ANYONE...
I EVOLVED.
HCCK!
ZAN! CAN YOU PLEASE KEEP IT DOWN.
YOU CAN KILL ME, BUT LET THE BOY GO.
WE BOTH KNOW I CAN'T DO THAT.

HE WAS A BIT MUCH SOMETIMES, BUT HE WAS A GOOD KID. HE WOULDN'T EVEN BE INVOLVED IF YOU HADN'T STUCK YOUR NOSE INTO OUR PLANS, ANDREW.
YOU DID THIS TO HIM.
SNAP
AAAH!
USUALLY I PREFER FRESH BLOOD, BUT ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS I DON'T MIND A SMOOTHIE.
IF YOU KNEW HIM YOU WOULDN'T BE SO HORRIFIED, ANDREW.
NO? MORE FOR ME, THEN.
SLURP
HMM...A BIT WATERY.
YOU SEEM VERY SKITTISH FOR ONE OF OUR KIND, ANDREW.
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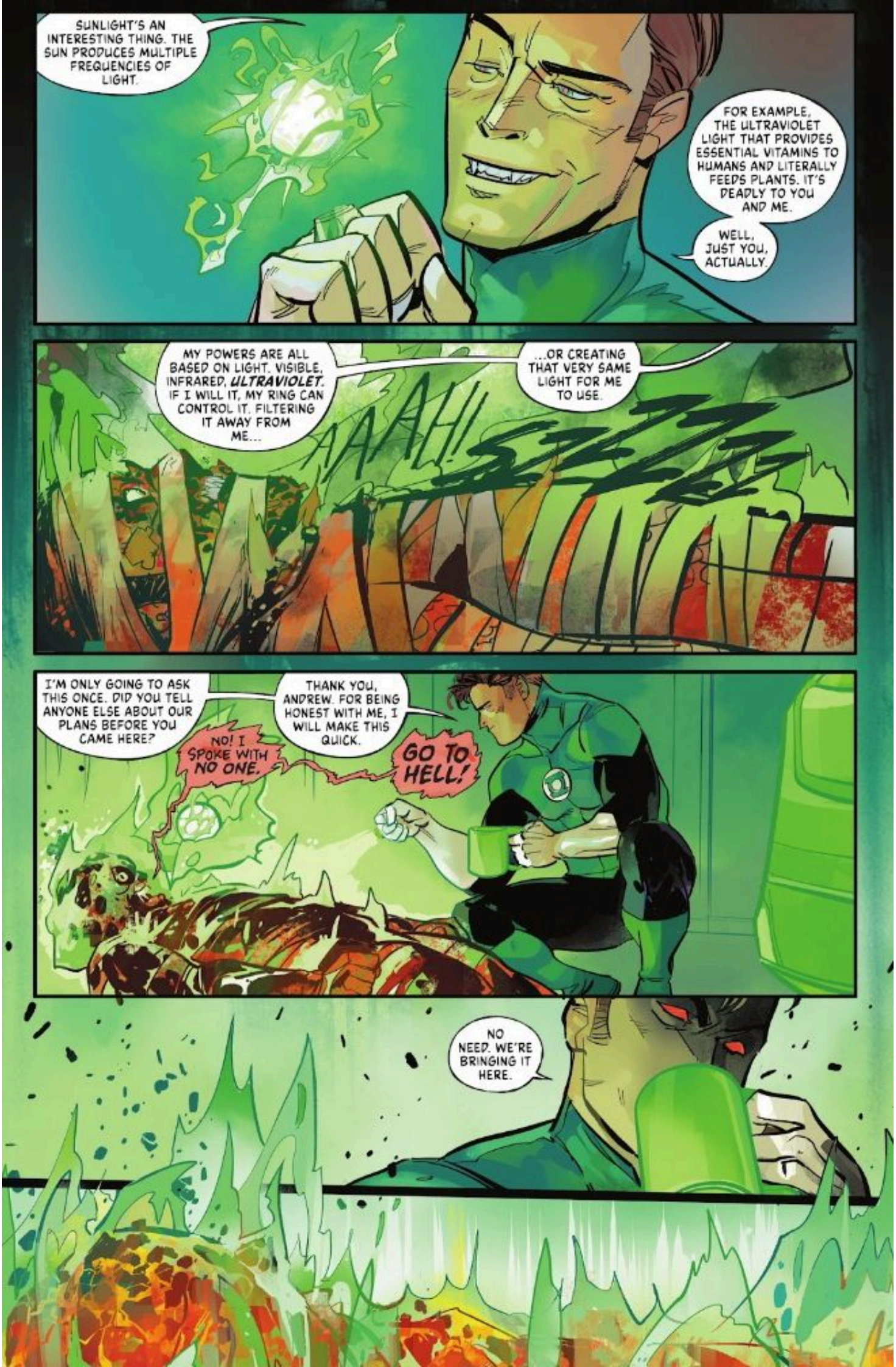
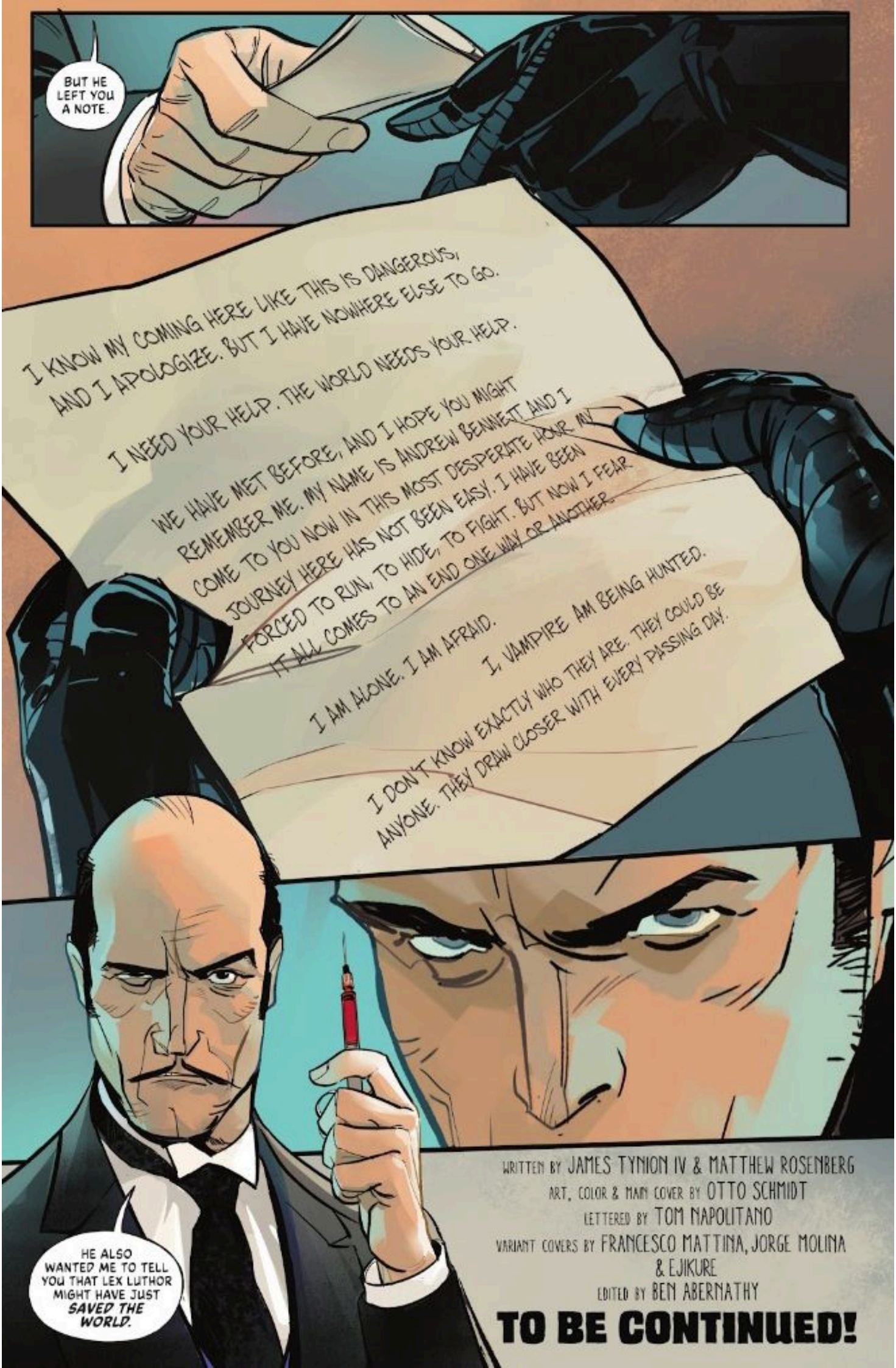

SUNLIGHT'S AN INTERESTING THING. THE SUN PRODUCES MULTIPLE FREQUENCIES OF LIGHT.
FOR EXAMPLE, THE ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT THAT PROVIDES ESSENTIAL VITAMINS TO HUMANS AND LITERALLY FEEDS PLANTS. IT'S DEADLY TO YOU AND ME.
WELL, JUST YOU, ACTUALLY.
MY POWERS ARE ALL BASED ON LIGHT. VISIBLE, INFRARED, ULTRAVIOLET. IF I WILL IT, MY RING CAN CONTROL IT. FILTERING IT AWAY FROM ME...
...OR CREATING THAT VERY SAME LIGHT FOR ME TO USE.
AAAH!
I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK THIS ONCE. DID YOU TELL ANYONE ELSE ABOUT OUR PLANS BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?
THANK YOU, ANDREW. FOR BEING HONEST WITH ME, I WILL MAKE THIS QUICK.
NO! I SPOKE WITH NO ONE.
GO TO HELL!
NO NEED. WE'RE BRINGING IT HERE.

HOPEFULLY MY JOURNEY HAS BEEN WORTH IT.
THIS IS HAL. IT'S DONE. HE TOLD NO ONE.
I TOOK LUTHOR'S LIFE BUT HE GAVE US HIS BLOOD.
I HAD TO TAKE CARE OF ZAN AS WELL...THE WONDER TWIN...NO, THAT'S HIS SISTER... NO, THAT'S THE MONKEY... YES, I'M SURE.
I KNOW NOT WHAT HE DID TO IT, BUT I'VE SEEN WHAT IT CAN DO TO MY KIND.
NO, ONCE I DUMP THIS BLENDER OUT THERE WILL BE NO EVIDENCE. NO, IT'S NOT IMPORTANT.
GOODBYE, MASTER.
I PRAY YOU CAN FIND OUT WHAT SECRETS HE HID IN THE BLOOD.
THERE YOU ARE! BATMAN CALLED A TEAM MEETING.
OH, SORRY, ARTHUR. JUST WASHING UP. I ATE SOMETHING THAT DIDN'T AGREE WITH ME.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE QUEEN IS, DO YOU? NOBODY'S SEEN HIM IN DAYS.
NOPE. BUT YOU KNOW OLLIE, HE'LL TURN UP.
IS IT REALLY DUSTY IN HERE?
FAITHFULLY YOURS, ANDREW BENNETT

THE BATCAVE.
THAT NIGHT.
GOOD EVENING, ALFRED. YOU MAKE ME FEEL BAD WHEN YOU WAIT FOR ME DOWN HERE. I CAN COME UPSTAIRS--
I FELT THIS REQUIRED YOUR URGENT ATTENTION, MASTER BRUCE.
SO YOUR CRYPTIC MESSAGE SAID. WHAT'S GOING ON?
SOMEONE STOPPED BY UPSTAIRS WISHING TO SPEAK WITH YOU.
I'M GUESSING HE DIDN'T HAVE AN APPOINTMENT?
I WASN'T AWARE THE BATMAN WAS TAKING APPOINTMENTS AT THE HOUSE.
WHO WAS HE?
HE DIDN'T SAY. A PECULIAR MAN. QUITE NERVOUS.
I'M GUESSING THE SECURITY CAMERAS COULDN'T FIND A MATCH IN MY FILES?
SEEING AS HE WAS ENTIRELY BANDAGED UP LIKE A MUMMY, THE ANSWER WOULD BE NO.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